



7 May, 2009

State of Alaska / Declaration of Emergency-----No
DHS & EM State Emergency Coordination Center -----Yes
DHSS Emergency Operations Center -----Yes

UA System status: The UA system continues to operate Pandemic Preparedness Cell as part of ongoing activities.

Ongoing activities:

- Pandemic Preparedness Cell (PPC) is located in Room 106C Butrovich, Phone #907-450-8159.
- Disseminate new CDC guidance pertaining to Colleges and Universities.

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/guidelines_colleges.htm

- **In short, they are not advocating the closure of Colleges and Universities at this time.**
- The next PPC teleconference will be Friday at 9 AM. Conference # is 1-800-893-8850 Participant Pin: 9465540.
 - Goal #1 of the Friday call will be to identify which campus locations have 1) a current pandemic plan in place; 2) need their plan reviewed and or refined 3) need a plan developed.
 - Goal #2, determine which campus locations require ICS training as part of our current preparedness efforts.
 - Goal #3, Cover issues or concerns in reference to this current outbreak.
- Stress public Information focused on:
 - **Zero** cases of H1N1 (swine Flu) in Alaska to date.
 - Awareness and prevention measures—proper respiratory etiquette and hand washing.
 - Recommendations to suspend all non-essential travel to affected areas (Mexico) due to CDC Health Travel Advisory.
 - Need proactive measures to protect and provide for our students, staff, faculty, and visitors during upcoming commencement periods.
- Support the review and revision of current pandemic plans to address campus needs specific to the current outbreak.
- Provide daily updates

NOTE: Recommend that campuses continue to integrate precautionary measures at all commencement ceremonies and promote H1N1 awareness through:

- Providing hand sanitizer and hand wipes for participants and visitors.
- Posting and/or providing appropriate signage/posters or flyers on how to prevent the spread of Influenza (recommend the use of CDC information located at the Alerts page from the System Office of Risk Services homepage.
- Continue to reinforce that those who are sick to remain home.

http://www.alaska.edu/risksafety/a_alerts/swine-flu/index.xml



Future activities:

- Continue to monitor situation and modify plans in order to meet current H1N1 outbreak.
- Start the review of campus pandemic plans.

Current National Situation

United States

- **896** confirmed cases; increase of **254** from yesterday and two confirmed deaths.
- **41** states reporting cases
- CDC has completed the deployment of 25% of the supplies in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to all states. These supplies and medicines will help states and U.S. territories respond to the H1N1 outbreak. In addition, the federal Government and manufacturers have begun the process of developing a vaccine against the novel H1N1 flu virus.

CDC H1N1 website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

Alaska

- **No** documented cases within the state of Alaska
- Alaska has internal capability to test for H1N1.
- Alaska's allocation of SNS has been shipped to the hub communities.
- Alaska DHSS and DHS & EM are currently operating under a Unified Command structure for both Operations River Watch and H1N1 outbreak.

Alaska DHSS website:

<http://www.hss.state.ak.us/>

Worldwide:

- 7 May 2009 -- As of 18:00 GMT, 7 May 2009, 24 countries have officially reported 2371 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.

WHO website:

<http://www.who.int/en/>

This information is being provided for situational awareness. Updates will be provided as warranted.

